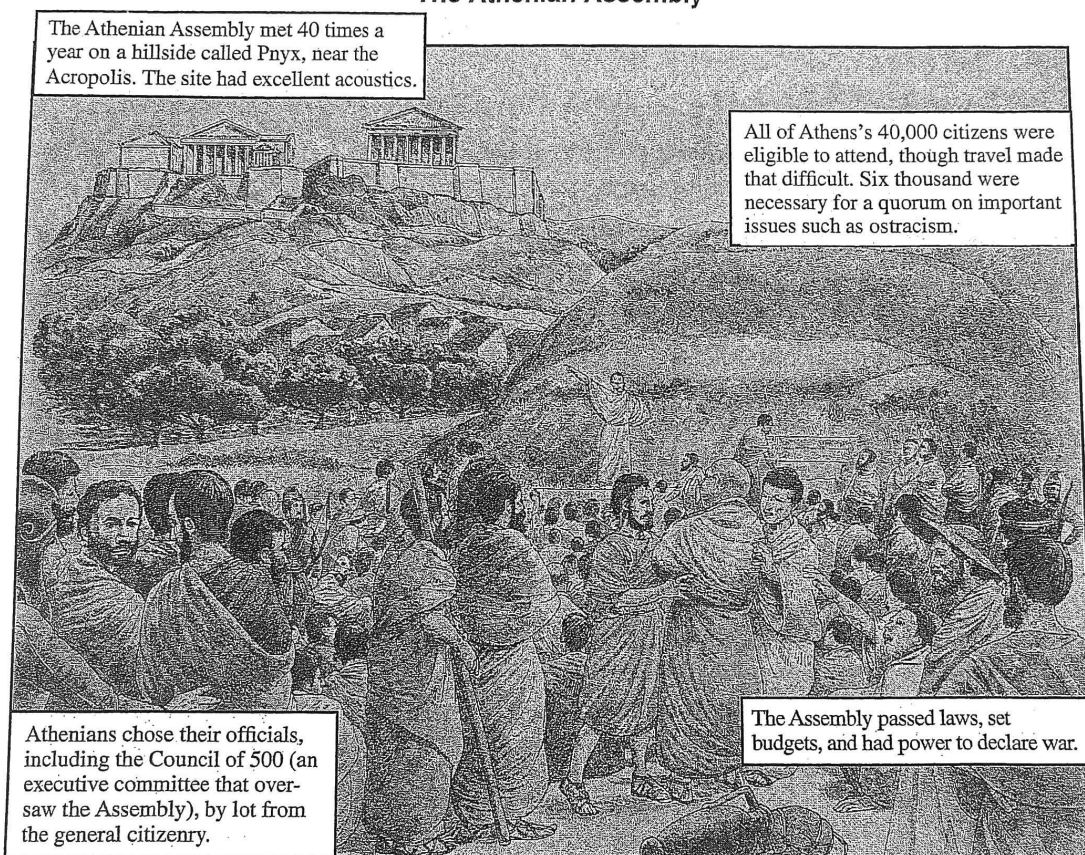


## Document E

Source: Illustration from *The Greek World* by Anton Powell, Routledge Press, 1987.

### The Athenian Assembly



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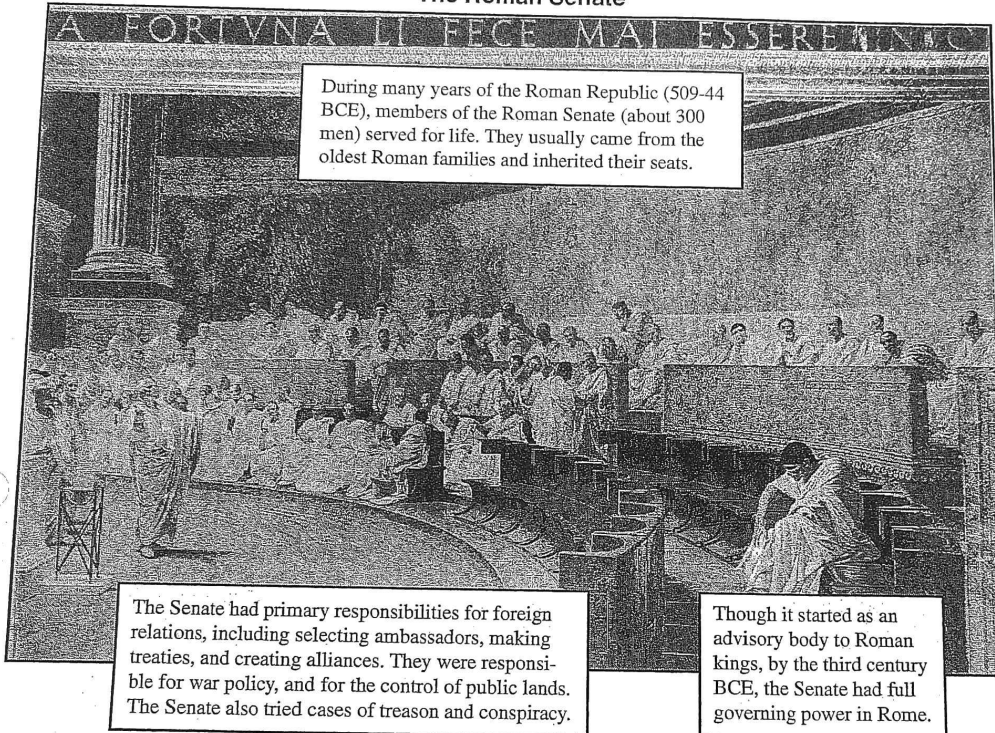
### Document Analysis

1. What percent of adult male citizens in Athens could vote in the Assembly? What percent were eligible to become members of the smaller Council of 500?
2. Judging by the illustration and the quorum requirement, what generalization can you make about the attendance of Athenian citizens at Assembly meetings?
3. What does it mean that the Council of 500 was chosen "by lot"? Was that a good idea?
4. Assume that the scene in the drawing is reasonably accurate. Does it strengthen or weaken an argument that Athens had a better system of citizenship than Rome? Explain.

Document F

Source: A fresco of the Roman Senate painted by Italian artist Cesare Maccari in the 1880s.

The Roman Senate



Document Analysis

1. How many served in the Roman Senate? How many could serve in the Athenian Assembly? (see Doc E)
2. How long was the usual term of service in the Roman Senate?
3. Compare the social class make-up of the Roman Senate and the Athenian Assembly (Doc E). What does this comparison tell you about the political power of the average citizen in each society?
4. Compare the two images in Documents E and F. In your opinion, what were the strengths and weaknesses of the Athenian Assembly and the Roman Senate? Explain.